

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
	§	No.
DION CARROL THOMAS AND	§	
MAURYCE DELL THOMAS	§	Chapter 13
	§	
DEBTOR(S)	§	

**BANKRUPTCY RULE 2016(b) DISCLOSURE AND
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIXED FEE AGREEMENT
(Standard Case)**

CHRISTOPHER TODD MORRISON files this FED. R. BANKR. P. 2016(b) Disclosure and Application for Approval of Fixed Fee Agreement.

1. I have agreed to provide the following services to the Debtors on a fixed fee basis:
 - A. Counsel with the Debtors on an as needed basis,
 - B. Prepare and file a proposed chapter 13 plan and any required amendments to the plan. If required, I will file a "Uniform Motion to Amend Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan to Satisfy Recently Filed, Timely Proofs of Claim" in accordance with BLR 3015-1(e).
 - C. Assist the Debtor(s) in preparing and filing the documents required by § 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and any required amendments.
 - D. Prepare and file miscellaneous motions required to protect the Debtor(s)' interests in the case.
 - E. Prepare and file any necessary Applications for Withdrawal From Savings Fund.
 - F. Prepare and file responses to motions filed against the Debtors---even if the response is a statement that the Debtors do not oppose the relief.
 - G. Attend the § 341 meeting.
 - H. Attend the confirmation hearing, if required under the circumstances, pursuant to an order entered in the chapter 13 case, or pursuant to local rules.
 - I. Advise the Debtors concerning their obligations and duties pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, applicable court orders and the provisions of their chapter 13 plan.
2. The fixed fee agreement does not include the following services:
 - A. Representation of the Debtors in an adversary proceeding, either as a plaintiff or a defendant.
 - B. Representation of the Debtors in a contested matter, the subject of which is extraordinary in the context of chapter 13 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.
 - C. Representation of the Debtors in any matter in which the Court orders fee shifting pursuant to which fees are to be paid by a person other than the Debtors.
 - D. Except as set forth in paragraph 1B or paragraph 4, representation on matters for which the first hearing is set more than 120 days following confirmation.
3. I have agreed to the following fees and reimbursements:

- A. I have agreed to a fixed fee (including all expenses except reimbursement of the filing fee) in the amount of \$4,500.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$4,500.00]. I have received \$25.00 for representing the Debtor(s) in this case. Therefore the balance due from the trustee as an administrative expense is \$4,475.00. I agree that if the case is dismissed before the plan is confirmed or less than 120 days after confirmation, the maximum fee allowed under this provision is \$4,000.00.
 - B. I have advanced the filing fee of \$0.00. [If no filing fees have been advanced, insert \$0.00]. Therefore, in addition to the amounts set forth above, the trustee shall reimburse to me that sum as an administrative expense of the estate.
 - C. I will provide those services required after the Debtor(s) makes the final payment required under the chapter 13 plan to assist my client in obtaining a chapter 13 discharge. There will be no additional charge imposed for this service, unless the service required to obtain the chapter 13 discharge are extraordinary, in which event I may apply for additional fees.
4. The following services will also be provided, if needed, on a fixed fee basis, including all hourly fees and expenses. [check 0-3 boxes]. Payment may be made directly by the Debtors or through the confirmed plan:
 - A. ☒ Motions for Relief from the stay for which the first hearing date is more than 120 days following confirmation and which are resolved by agreement. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$425.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$425.00].
 - B. ☒ Motions filed by the chapter 13 trustee seeking dismissal of the case, for which the first hearing date is more than 120 days following confirmation, and for which there is an agreement or no opposition. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$275.00. [insert amount not to exceed \$275.00].
 - C. ☒ Debtors' motion to modify plan for which the first hearing date is more than 120 days following confirmation. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$800.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$800.00], plus the actual out-of-pocket postage costs for service of the motion to modify plan.
 - D. ☒ Review of a notice filed pursuant to FED R. BANKR. P. 3002.1(b) or (c) which is filed more than 120 days following confirmation. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$300.00. [insert amount not to exceed \$300.00].
 - E. ☒ Debtors(s)' motion to sell, refinance, or incur debt regarding real property. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$600.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$600], plus the actual out-of-pocket postage costs for service of the motion.
 - F. ☒ Debtors(s)' surrender notice per paragraph 20 of the uniform plan. The fixed fee is in the amount of \$300.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$300.00].
 - G. ☒ Debtor(s)' transfer of real property in satisfaction of secured claim per paragraph 14 of the uniform plan. The fixed fee is in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 [insert amount not to exceed \$500.00], plus the actual out-of-pocket: (i) postage costs for service of the required notice; (ii) cost for certified copies; (iii) cost to file plan and order in the appropriate county; and (iv) title/lien search fee, if any.
 - H. ☒ Any legal services rendered that are not covered by an agreed fixed fee in paragraphs (A)--(G) above shall be provided on an hourly fee basis at a rate not to exceed \$325.00. All hourly fees are subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court after the filing and service of a proper fee application.
5. The Debtor(s) certify that the Debtor(s) have had an opportunity to read and review the above fee agreement and agree to:

- A. Provide their Counsel with accurate financial information concerning their assets, liabilities, income, and expenses.
 - B. Discuss with their Counsel the Debtor(s)' objectives in filing the case.
 - C. Keep their Counsel informed of the the Debtor(s)' contact information, including physical and mailing address, phone number(s), and email, if applicable.
 - D. Inform their Counsel of wage garnishments, lawsuits, or attachments that occur after the commencement of the case.
 - E. Inform their Counsel promptly of any change in their financial circumstance, including any change in wages/salary or change in employer.
 - F. Inform their Counsel if the wish to buy, sell, or refinance any loan during the case.
- 6. The Debtor(s) have review the foregoing with Counsel and understand their responsibilities and the fees agreed to be paid.
 - 7. The Debtor(s) have met in person with the undersigned attorney (or another attorney supervised by the undersigned and who is licensed to practice law) for not less than 1 hour. The Debtor(s) understand that time spent exclusively with a paralegal or other person not licensed to practice law may not be included in the 1 hour.
 - 8. Counsel certifications:
 - A. The foregoing is a true and correct statement of the compensation that I have been paid or that has been agreed to be paid to me.
 - B. I (or another attorney supervised by the undersigned and who is licensed to practice law) met in person with the debtor(s) for not less than 1 hour. I understand that time spent exclusively with a paralegal or other person not licensed to practice law may not be included in the 1 hour.
 - C. I have not shared or agreed to share any of the compensation paid or to be paid. The following sets forth all of the compensation that is being paid by any person or entity other than the Debtor(s). Describe:

Dated: August 7, 2019

/s/Dion Carrol Thomas
Dion Carrol Thomas

Dated: August 7, 2019

/s/Mauryce Dell Thomas
Mauryce Dell Thomas

Dated: August 7, 2019

/s/ Christopher Morrison
Christopher Todd Morrison
SBN: 24010250
COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR(S)